AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant submits below a complete listing of the current claims, including marked-up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1.   (Withdrawn) A method to set at least one computer setting comprising the steps of: determining a largest value and a major value in a superset of values; setting the at least one computer setting to a value greater than or equal to one of the largest value and the major value; wherein the major value is a value that is greater than the values that a majority of applications use.

2.   (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one computer setting is a window scaling factor and the step of setting the at least one computer setting to the value greater than or equal to the one of the largest value and the major value comprises the step of setting the window scaling factor to a value greater than or equal to the one of the largest value and the major value.

3.   (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein the major value of the window scaling factor is 256 and wherein the step of setting the window scaling factor to a value greater than or equal to the one of the largest value and the major value comprises the step of setting the window scaling factor to 256.

4.   (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of setting the at least one computer setting to a value greater than or equal to one of the largest value and the major value includes the step of negotiating the value.

5.   (Currently amended) A method to negotiate an option for a ~~computer setting~~ a window scaling factor in a computer environment comprising the steps of:

predicting if the option will be needed;

if the option is predicted to be needed, predicting if the option will need a value outside of a normal range of values comprising values of 1-16 bytes of the window scaling factor, wherein values outside of the normal range of values include a largest value and a major value, with the major value being a value that is greater than values that a majority of applications use:

if the option is predicted to need the value outside of the normal range of values:

determining an outside setting of the window scaling factor that is outside of the normal range of values to provide the option with the outside setting;

if the outside setting of the window scaling factor comprises a value greater than or equal to one of the largest value and the major value, providing the option with the value greater than or equal to one of the largest value and the major value, wherein the value comprises a value of 256 of the window scaling factor; and

if the option is not predicted to need the value outside of the normal range of values:

setting a value needed by the option to a normal setting within the normal range of values; and

if the option is predicted not to be needed, setting the window scaling factor ~~computer setting~~ to a default value.

6-9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Withdrawn)   A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for setting a computer setting, the computer executable instructions performing the steps comprising: obtaining a range of values used for the computer setting, the range of values including a largest value and a major value, wherein the major value is a value that is greater than the values that a majority of applications use; determining a largest value in the range of values; setting the computer setting to a value greater than or equal to the largest value.

11.   (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the computer setting is a window scaling factor and the step of setting the computer setting to the value greater than or equal to the largest value comprises the step of setting the window scaling factor to a value greater than or equal to the largest value.

12.   (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium of claim 11 wherein the step of setting the window scaling factor to a value greater than or equal to the largest value comprises the step of setting the window scaling factor to 256.

13.   (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the step of setting the computer setting to a value greater than or equal to the largest value includes the step of negotiating the value.

14.   (Currently amended)   A computer readable storage medium encoded with computer executable instructions for negotiating an option for a window scaling factor computer setting in a computer environment, the computer executable instructions performing the steps comprising:

predicting if the option will be needed;

if the option is predicted to be needed, predicting if the option will need a value outside of a normal range of values comprising values of 1-16 bytes of the window scaling factor, wherein values outside of the normal range of values include a largest value and a major value, with the major value being a value that is greater than values that a majority of applications use:

if the option is predicted to need the value outside of the normal range of values:

determining an outside setting of the window scaling factor that is outside of the normal range of values to provide the option with the outside setting;

if the outside setting of the window scaling factor comprises a value greater than or equal to one of the largest value and the major value, providing the option with the value greater than or equal to one of the largest value and the major value, wherein the value comprises a value of 256 of the window scaling factor; and

if the option is not predicted to need the value outside of the normal range of values:

setting a value needed by the option to a normal setting within the normal range of values; and

if the option is predicted not to be needed, setting the window scaling factor ~~computer setting~~ to a default value.

15-18. (Canceled)